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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS: MEDIA COVERAGE OF US-JAPAN CONSULTATIONS  
BEGINNING AT END OF AUGUST SUGGESTED SIGNIFICANT RISE MAY BE SEEN  
IN JAPANESE AWARENESS OF THEIR NATION'S PROPER WORLD ROLE. US-  
JAPAN INTERIM AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING AT TOKAI-  
MURA PRODUCED OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND FAVORABLE MEDIA COMMENT  
STRESSING JAPAN'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR HELPING PROMOTE NON-  
PROLIFERATION. MEDIA ALSO ASSIDUOUSLY PURSUED AMERICAN  
PARTICIPANTS AT US-JAPAN "SHIMODA CONFERENCE" WITH RESULT THAT  
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KEY POLICY POINTS THEY MADE WERE PROMINENTLY FEATURED IN  
NATIONAL DAILIES OR TELEVISED NATIONWIDE. PERVASIVE THEM  
WAS U.S. EXPECTATION OF JAPAN ASSUMING LARGE WORLD ROLE. ALMOST  
WITHOUT PAUSE, MEDIA NEXT SWITCHED TO EXTENSIVE TREATMENT OF US-  
JAPAN CONSULTATIONS ON MTN, INCLUDING WIDE COVERAGE OF DEPUTY  
STR WOLFF'S PRESS CONFERENCE (SEE BELOW). UPBEAT MOOD CREATED  
BY TOKAI-MURA AGREEMENT WAS BOLSTERED IN SPORTS FIELD BY OH'S

TOPPING HANK AARON'S HOME-RUN RECORD. PRIVATE TALKS BETWEEN DPRK OFFICIALS AND SUPRAPARTISAN JAPANESE DELEGATION IN PYONGYANG UNDERSCORED GREAT DIFFICULTY OF JAPAN'S ADVANCING RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST NORTH, AT SAME TIME THAT GOJ-ROKG MINISTERIAL TALKS PRODUCED GOOD ATMOSPHERE FOR CLOSER JAPANESE COOPERATION WITH SOUTH -- CONTRAST THAT WAS CAREFULLY NOTED BY TV NEWS COMMENTATORS AND EDITORIALS IN NATIONAL DAILIES.

2. FIRST SHIMODA CONFERENCE IN FIVE YEARS ATTRACTED USUAL STELLAR LINEUP OF PROMINENT FIGURES FROM BOTH SIDES AND UNUSUALLY MASSIVE DEGREE OF MEDIA ATTENTION. CONFERENCE TOPICS CLOSELY COMPLEMENT TOPICS OF OUR UPCOMING MPP ON SECURITY AND COVERED US-JAPAN RELATIONS, SECURITY IN NORTHEAST ASIA, DEVELOPMENT OF S.E. ASIA AND US AND JAPAN IN NEW WORLD ORDER. CONFERENCE OPENED WITH SENATOR GLENN SPEECH AND CLOSED WITH PM FUKUDA'S REMARKS. SUCH MEDIA TREATMENT AS INTERVIEW OF MIKE ARMACOST ON SUNDAY EVENING "NEWS OUTLOOK" TV NETWORK PROGRAM, DAILY "SANKEI" EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH ARMACOST CARRIED AS MONDAY MORNING LEAD STORY, JOHN GLENN INTERVIEW ON POPULAR NHK-TV MORNING SHOW, AND TRANSCRIPTS BY SEVERAL MAJOR DAILIES OF PANEL DISCUSSIONS INVOLVING INGERSOLL, EBERLE, SOLARZ, CONABLE AND OTHERS GAVE PUBLIC WIDE ACCESS TO AMERICAN VIEWPOINTS AND PRODUCED CLEAR IMPRESSION OF FRANK, PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION BETWEEN CLOSE ALLIES, EVEN WHILE PERCEPTION GAP WAS NOTED AND U.S. DISSATISFACTION WITH JAPANESE EFFORTS TO CLOSE TRADE GAP WAS FREQUENTLY TREATED.

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3. ALL NATIONAL DAILIES 9/8 PROMINENTLY REPORTED AMBASSADOR WOLFF'S USIS-ARRANGED NEWS CONFERENCE AT JAPAN PRESS CLUB, EMPHASIZING NEED FOR REDUCED JAPANESE TARIFFS ON SPECIFIC U.S. PRODUCTS. ALSO 9/8 "NIHON KEIZAI," RESPECTED ECONOMIC DAILY, CARRIED LONG EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH AMB. WOLFF, ARRANGED BY POST, IN WHICH DEPUTY STR URGED JAPANESE TAKE INITIATIVES IN MTN AND REDUCE TARIFFS.

4. RECENT ISSUE OF DAILY "ASAHI" CARRIED BYLINE COLUMN ON US-JAPAN ECONOMIC TALKS BASED LARGELY ON BACKGROUNDER WITH ECONOMIC MINISTER BUTTON SET UP BY USIS. ALSO, USIS RELEASE OF TEXT OF RECENT MIN. BUTTON SPEECH ON U.S. ECONOMIC POLICY APPEARED IN FULL IN 9/7 DAILY "ASAHI EVENING NEWS."

5. TV NETWORKS, MAJOR NATIONAL DAILIES AND ALL SPORTS DAILIES 9/7 CARRIED REPORT BASED ON USIS RELEASE OF PRES. CARTER'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO NEW HOME-RUN KING SADAHARU OH. MOST PAPERS AND TV NETWORKS ALSO REPORTED SIMILAR MESSAGE FROM AMB. MANSFIELD.

6. TUTTLE PUBLISHING CO. OF TOKYO HAS JUST ISSUED PAPERBACK ON AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD ENTITLED "CHARTING A NEW COURSE: MIKE

MANSFIELD AND U.S. ASIAN POLICY," WHICH TUTTLE DEVELOPED WITH  
CLOSE USIS COOPERATION. BOOK REPRODUCES FOUR KEY REPORTS TO  
CONGRESS ON ASIA BY AMBASSADOR OVER PAST TWO YEARS. USIS  
PROVIDED COPIES OF REPORTS AND HELPED PUBLISHER OBTAIN  
MANSFIELD BIOSKETCH. COPIES OF THIS BOOK WILL BE PURCHASED FOR  
OUR LIBRARIES AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION.  
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